

2013 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

(Not a legal presentation. See hunting law booklet for full details. Dates listed below are not valid after July, 2014)

DEER Firearms Season
 Maine Resident Only Day
 Youth Deer Day
 Archery
 Muzzleloader statewide (all WMD's)
 Muzzleloader WMD's 12, 13, 15 through 18, 20 through 26, 29
 Expanded Archery (designated areas only)

BEAR General hunting seasons.....
 Hunting with dogs
 Hunting with bait
 Bait can be placed July 27

MOOSE (by permit only) WMD's 1 through, 6, 11, 19
 WMD's 1 through 14, 17 through 19, 27, 28.....
 WMD's 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26
 Maine Resident Only Day - WMD's 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26
 WMD's 1 through 8, 10, 11

RUFFED GROUSE & BOBWHITE QUAIL
 PHEASANT

SPRING WILD TURKEY WMD's 7, 9 through 26 & 28
 Youth Spring Wild Turkey.....

FALL WILD TURKEY
 Zone 1 (archery only): WMD's 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 26.....
 Zone 2 (archery only): WMD's: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
 Zone 3 (archery & shotgun): WMD's 15, 16, 17, 20 through 26.....

WOODCOCK
 COMMON SNIPES
 DUCKS, GEESE, SEA DUCKS (scoter, eider, long-tailed duck)
 SORA & VIRGINIA RAILS (and GALLINULES)

CROW WMD's 1 through 6.....
 WMD's 7 through 29.....

GRAY SQUIRREL
 GRAY SQUIRREL (FALCONRY).....
 SNOWSHOE HARE
 SNOWSHOE HARE (on Vinalhaven Island, Knox County).....
 BOBCAT
 FOX
 RACCOON
 SKUNK, OPOSSUM
 COYOTE NIGHT HUNT
 COYOTE, WOODCHUCK, PORCUPINE, RED SQUIRREL.....
 SPRUCE GROUSE, LYNX, COTTONTAIL RABBIT

FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BASIC LIMITS DAILY POSSESSION	
Nov. 4 Nov. 2 Oct. 26 Oct. 3 Dec. 2 Dec. 9 Sept. 7	Nov. 30 Nov. 1 Dec. 7 Dec. 14 Dec. 14	One Deer Per Year (see exception below) Only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken from Nov. 2 - Dec. 14, except that any deer may be taken in designated wildlife management districts by hunters with any-deer permits. Exceptions: Additional deer may be taken by participating in the Expanded Archery Season, or by anyone possessing a bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit Note: In WMD's where no any-deer permits are issued, it is bucks only for youth hunters on youth deer day and also bucks only for archers during the archery season on deer.	
Aug. 26 Sept. 9 Aug. 26	Nov. 30 Nov. 1 Sept. 21	Two Bear Per Year One by hunting, One by trapping	
Sept. 23 Oct. 14 Nov. 4 Nov. 2 Nov. 4	Sept. 28 Oct. 19 Nov. 30 Nov. 9	Permit application period: January through April 1. One Moose Per Year, by either permittee or sub-permittee.	
Oct. 1 Oct. 1	Dec. 31 Dec. 31	4 2	Grouse & Quail 8 Pheasant 4
Apr. 29 Apr. 27	June 1	2 bearded Wild Turkey with appropriate permits. Seasons set annually by rulemaking, see website.	
Oct. 12 Oct. 3 Oct. 19	Oct. 26 Nov. 1 Oct. 25	One Wild Turkey either sex, any age.	
Seasons set in late August/ early September. Regulations available mid-September from license agents, game wardens, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. offices, and on the web at www.maine.gov/ifw			
Feb. 6 Aug. 1	April 15 Sept. 21	-	-
Jan. 21 Aug. 1	March 31 Sept. 21	-	-
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	4	8
Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8
Oct. 1	Mar. 31	4	8
Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8
Dec. 1	Feb. 14	-	-
Oct. 21	Feb. 28	-	-
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	-	-
Oct. 21	Dec. 31	-	-
Dec. 16	Aug 31	-	-
NO CLOSED SEASON FOR HUNTING			
NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING			
Note: Except for migratory game birds, there is no hunting season on any species of bird or animal which is not listed above.			



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LICENSES: Hunting license is required. The archery license allows bow and arrow hunting for all legal game throughout the year (except deer during the muzzleloading season). An archery license is required to hunt deer during the regular archery and expanded archery seasons, and also required to hunt turkey with bow & arrow during the fall Wild Turkey season.

Muzzleload license is required, in addition to a hunting license, to hunt deer during muzzleloader season on deer.

A bear permit is required in addition to a hunting license from August 26 through November 1. Nonresident and alien hunters are required to purchase a November (late season) bear hunting permit to hunt bear during the firearm season on deer if they do not already possess a regular bear hunting permit. See hunting law booklet for other recent changes.

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS:

Animals: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Exceptions: Spring Wild Turkey, migratory game birds, raccoons, and coyote. See hunting law booklet for details on night hunting for coyotes.

SUNDAY HUNTING: Illegal in Maine.

HUNTER ORANGE: See hunting law book for details.

STAMPS: A State Waterfowl Permit and federal duck stamp are required for waterfowl hunters age 16 and over. Migratory waterfowl permits are not required to hunt Crow, Woodcock, Common Snipe, Sora & Virginia Rails, and Gallinules. A Pheasant permit is required to hunt pheasant in York and Cumberland counties.

OPERATION GAME THIEF: Call 1-800-ALERT US (253-7887) to report game law violations. Rewards paid. Caller identification protected.
Poachers are thieves — help us stop them.

Ethics are what we do when no one else is watching.

Maine is a very unique place. You can be completely alone in the wild, practicing ethical behavior and no one may be there to notice. However, the landowner, as well as the hunters and anglers that follow you, will appreciate it greatly. Your ethical behavior contributes significantly to Maine's sporting future, and it encourages landowners to keep important habitat property available for all to enjoy. So remember, always respect the rights of landowners and please



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